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Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Alberta Premier Rachel Notley shake hands in Ottawa Tuesday after the Liberal government announced the approval of two major pipeline projects worth $6.8 billion.
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COMING DOWN THE PIPE

Feds green light controversial Line 3 Enbridge pipeline through Manitoba **metroNEWS**

2 more years for Portage and Main

TRAFFIC

Staff: No cash in capital budget to remove barriers

Stephanie Taylor
Metro | Winnipeg

Winnipeggers will have to wait at least another two years before Portage and Main reopens.

Lester Deane, director of public works, said the planning behind the teardown of the barricades could take that long.

A recently commissioned traffic study that examines the impact of reintroducing those on foot to the historic intersection is only the start, he said. There's much more work that needs to be done.

"There are nuances now," he told reporters on Tuesday. "We know we can do it. Now it's a question of painting the big picture and then getting the costs associated with delivering that big picture."

Deane says his best educated guess is that planning to reopen the intersection would take two years. That's quite the departure from Mayor Brian Bowman's hope to remove the barricades in time for the city to play host to the 2017 Canada Summer Games, which kick-off next July.

Deane said there's no cash in next year's capital budget to re-open the intersection and even if the city and property owners reached an agreement on a "big picture" plan for the corners, the actual date of any ribbon cutting is still very much up in the air.

"It's no real surprise," Deane said. "We know that if we introduce pedestrian phases, it's going to have an impact on traffic and there'll be a delay to some of the transit service and delay to some of the travel times of vehicles being able to go through the intersection."

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Missing persons cases 'high'

PUBLIC HELP

Police have 89 short term files open, 70 of them for youth

Jessica Botelho-Urbanski
For Metro | Winnipeg

The number of missing people in Winnipeg right now is alarming, according to those tasked with bringing the loved ones home.

Searchers from the Bear Clan Patrol, a rotating group of about 350 volunteers who comb the city on foot, and the Canadian Centre for Child Protection called the current number of outstanding case files "high."

On Tuesday, Winnipeg's missing persons unit told Metro they have 89 short term files open, 70 of them for missing youth and 19 for missing adults. The police refused an interview request to discuss the numbers.

Kevin Dilk, a 50-year-old schoolteacher from St. Boniface, is one of the most recent people they began searching for. Police issued a public call for help looking for him last Thursday, after he was last seen at his home around 5:00 a.m. Wednesday morning.

Dilk is described as 5'9 and Caucasian, with a slim build, grey hair and glasses.

The outpouring of people wanting to help search for him — including about 300 volunteers who set out by foot Sunday — has been "overwhelming," said his niece, Ginger Dilk.

Darryl Contois, one of hundreds of Bear Clan Patrol volunteers who comb the city, searching for traces of missing people. JANINE KROPLA/CONTRIBUTED

> **We don't know right now if he's able to hear or see any of these messages, but if he is, I just would ask... that he contact us and reach out to us.** Ginger Dilk

"We don't know right now if he's able to hear or see any of these messages, but if he is, I just would ask... that he contact us and reach out to us. We love him," she said.

The Bear Clan Patrol has been looking for Dilk in St. Boniface, while also actively searching for five other people around the city, said executive director James Favel. For the full list of those they're searching for, visit metronews.ca.

The group saw its volunteer base balloon in November to about 480 searchers, Favel said, noting "the need is definitely there."

"We're looking underneath the bridges and we're looking underneath garbage bins and things like that to see if anybody's been hurt," he said. "We're always searching. Sometimes we have a specific focus and other times we're working as just part of the program."

The Canadian Centre for Child Protection has a website dedicated specifically to tracking missing youth: missingkids.ca. People can sign up for MissingKidsALERT, a service that complements police news releases and Amber Alerts, said Jessica Huzyk, a case worker with the child safety and family advocacy division.

Huzyk said the number of missing kids is perpetually larger than missing adults' because guardians of children will immediately report them missing, whereas adults are usually given a few days' leeway.

During the summer, the Canadian Centre for Child Protection notices more runaway kids reported missing. Parental abduction is more common around the holidays, Huzyk said.

According to the RCMP's latest figures from 2015, 58 per cent of missing youth were found within 24 hours, while 91 per cent were found within a week.

Manitoba had the second-largest number of missing children (8,684) reported in 2015 behind Ontario (12,900), said the RCMP.

Pipeline project will go ahead

RESOURCES

Prime Minister OKs plan that runs through Manitoba

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau is approving Kinder Morgan's proposal to triple the capacity of its Trans Mountain pipeline from Alberta to Burnaby, B.C.— a $6.8-billion project that has sparked protests by climate change activists from coast to coast.

Trudeau is also effectively killing the proposed Northern Gateway pipeline across northern British Columbia, but giving a green light to Enbridge's lesser-known $7.5-billion Line 3 pipeline expansion from Alberta to Wisconsin.

The stalled Northern Gateway oil pipeline from Alberta through the Great Bear Rain Forest to Kitimat, B.C., had been thwarted in the courts for lack of indigenous consultation.

The less prominent Enbridge project will see the half-century-old Line 3 pipeline from Alberta through southern Saskatchewan and Manitoba to the United States replaced by an entirely new line about twice the current pipeline's working capacity.

The Trans Mountain and Line 3 expansions alone would boost pipeline capacity by more than 1.1 million barrels per day.

The pipeline decisions follow weeks of Liberal government announcements designed to show it is serious about combating climate change, including an accelerated coal phase-out and a national floor price on carbon emissions starting in 2018.

The Liberals had promised a decision on Kinder Morgan by Dec. 19 but decided to announce all the pipeline decisions at once ahead of a Dec. 9 meeting between Trudeau and the provincial and territorial premiers.

People gather to protest against the proposed Kinder Morgan pipeline outside Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's office, below Parliament Hill, in Ottawa on Nov. 21. THE CANADIAN PRESS

"We are under no illusions that the decision we made today will be bitterly disputed by a number of people across the country who would rather we had made another decision," Trudeau — flanked by a number of his senior cabinet ministers — told a news conference in Ottawa.

"We took this decision today because we believe it is in the best interests of Canada and Canadians. And as long as Kinder Morgan respects the stringent conditions put forward by the National Energy Board, this project will get built — because it's in the national interest of Canadians, because we need to get our resources to market in safe, responsible ways, and that is exactly what we're going to do."

> **The decision we made today will be bitterly disputed by a number of people across the country.** Prime Minister Justin Trudeau

Trudeau, who described spending much of his childhood on Canada's west coast and living for a number of years in British Columbia while working as a teacher, insisted his government was making the right call.

"Others will be opposed to this project for their own reasons," he said. "We respect that … but to them and to all Canadians, I want to say this: If I thought this project was unsafe for the B.C. coast, I would reject it."

He said the project would create 15,000 new middle-class jobs, the majority of them in the trades, and would meet stringent environmental standards while also adhering to the federal government's national climate plan.

That includes 157 binding conditions set out by the National Energy Board, he added, noting that the project would not have been approved without the government of Alberta's own carbon-pricing efforts and cap on oilsands emissions.

The decision to close the book on Northern Gateway came as a surprise to no one. But Trudeau added a corollary: a moratorium on crude oil tanker shipping on B.C.'s north coast, something the Liberals promised in the 2015 election campaign.

Alberta's NDP premier Rachel Notley, who met earlier in the day with Trudeau, lauded the prime minister for his leadership as she promised her own constituents a brighter day ahead as a result of the approval.

"Today we are finally seeing some morning light," she said.

"We are getting a chance to break our landlock. We're getting a chance to sell to China and other new markets at better prices. We're getting a chance to reduce our dependence on one market, and therefore to be more economically independent.... of equal importance, we are building the economy within a strong new national environmental policy."

Indigenous leaders and environmental leaders who spoke earlier in the day appeared resigned to the government's decision, but far from prepared to give up their fight.

"The struggle will simply intensify," said Grand Chief Stewart Phillip of the Union of British Columbia Chiefs. "It will become more litigious, it will become more political and the battle will continue."

There are no conditions under which the chiefs would have been willing to agree to the project, Phillip added.

"The risks are just too grave. The tanker traffic in Burrard Inlet will increase by 700 per cent and it's inevitable that there will be a collision in a very congested inlet."

Grand Chief Derek Nepinak of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs said the federal government simply doesn't have the blessing of Canada's aboriginal community to approve the project.

"They're not going to exclude us the second time. They don't have consent to come through our treaty lands without us," he said.

Trudeau confirmed Tuesday that he'll be holding a first ministers meeting with provincial and territorial premiers as well as indigenous leaders on Dec. 9 in Ottawa.

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INFRASTRUCTURE

Roads budget slammed as a 'shell game'

Stephanie Taylor
Metro | Winnipeg

A pair of councillors and an industry representative blasted city hall's plan to fix $105 million worth of roads in 2017 as a "shell game" and "not transparent."

Councillors Russ Wyatt, Ross Eadie and Chris Lorenc, president of the Manitoba Heavy Construction Association, took turns criticizing the local and regional roads renewal program during Tuesday's meeting of infrastructure renewal and public works committee.

The trio argued the 2017 budget appears to funnel dedicated tax dollars away from road repairs into balancing the operating budget.

Wyatt explained that back in 2013 and 2014, council established a local and regional road renewal reserve, where two per cent of property taxes would be put toward fixing the city's crumbling roads.

That means the amount of money city hall spends on road renewal should increase annually as property taxes rise, he added. Wyatt argued that because next year's budget earmarks $105 million for road repairs — the exact same amount as in 2016 — it demonstrates the additional revenue is being spent elsewhere.

"There is a shell game going on, and the program is being raided to balance the operating budget on the backs of the street renewal program that was promised to the citizens of Winnipeg," Wyatt said.

Later in the day, committee chairperson Coun. Marty Morantz called Wyatt's comments "misleading."

He clarified some of revenue raised from property taxes is spent paying back the cash used to kick-start the roads program in the first place.

Brakes put on bike grid

ROAD SAFETY

Administration asked to see if cycle lanes fit existing plans

Braeden Jones
Metro | Winnipeg

An ambitious plan to study a fast-tracked, adjustable grid of protected bike lanes is not moving forward — at least not yet.

After a well-attended info session in Winnipeg — including industry experts with experience implementing bike grids in other cities — Coun. Janice Lukes tried to get the infrastructure renewal and public works (IRPW) committee to order a report on what it would take to follow suit locally.

Instead, committee chairperson Coun. Marty Morantz asked administration to take the next 120 days to determine if an adjustable downtown grid fits with the city's existing plans.

"I think that taking a baby step forward on this is a good idea," Morantz said.

Lukes further rebutted Morantz's concerns, saying the current cycling strategy clearly identifies building out the downtown network as a key priority.

It's a choice, she says, between taking a decade to have a safe cycling network downtown, or having one by 2018 "for a fraction of the cost."

Lukes said the motion that replaced her own is a "delay tactic," but only a minor setback.

She explained how, leading up to the IRPW meeting, she learned there is "tremendous demand" for the downtown grid, and she believes pushing it back means "people's safety is put on the line," so she'll be working to make it happen.

"We're here to make change," Lukes said. "Change isn't easy."

IN BRIEF

Cuts to road safety decried
Coun. Janice Lukes is sounding the alarm over a proposed $900,000 cut to the city's road safety budget. In 2016, the department had a $1.9-million budget for road repairs. Lukes said those funds went toward the installation of 18 left turn green arrow lights, multiple pedestrian corridors and operational reviews of railway crossings.
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Sweeping saga continues
Coun. Janice Lukes has asked the city to find $200,000 to sweep the streets of fallen leaves. Winnipeg once funded such a program, but council axed the $700,000 initiative in October 2015 and asked residents to help clear leaves outside their homes. People were critical, so city staff came up with $200,000 to spot-treat the worst areas.
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Arrest made in '14 killing

POORMAN STABBING

Police inform victim's sister that teenager is in custody

Jessica Botelho-Urbanski
For Metro | Winnipeg

A few hours before they stood behind a podium Tuesday to publicly announce an arrest in a 2014 homicide case, Winnipeg police called the victim's sister to break the news.

Candice Poorman, who lives in Saskatoon, said she thought she might be dreaming when she got the call she'd been awaiting for over two years.

On Monday, police arrested an 18-year-old man in connection to the 2014 stabbing death of 29-year-old Angela Poorman and charged him with second-degree murder.

But they won't release the name of the accused because he was underage at the time of the alleged incident.

Almost two years ago, Angela Poorman died in hospital from stab wounds. CONTRIBUTED

"They should be releasing his name. I don't see why not," said Candice Poorman in a phone interview Tuesday afternoon.

"When they told me they won't be releasing his name, I had just woken up and they told me this, so I didn't know how to react.

> **Now our family can have that closure and move forward.**
> Candice Poorman

"I didn't know to ask questions at the time because I was waking up and (thinking) 'am I dreaming?' But I think it's fair that they release his name."

On Dec. 14, 2014 at around 6:30 a.m., Angela Poorman was found suffering from stab wounds on a sidewalk in the area of Selkirk Avenue and Charles Street. She was rushed to hospital in critical condition and later died from her injuries.

Investigators from the homicide unit determined Poorman met a male suspect that morning and after an argument escalated, he stabbed her repeatedly with a large knife, then fled.

Hearing the alleged killer is in custody offered her family some immediate relief, Candice Poorman said. She helped break the news to Angela Poorman's three children, all of whom are 15 and under.

"For the past almost two years I've felt very astonished, very broken and hurt, knowing my sister was gone and her killer was still out there," Candice Poorman said.

"I didn't have that closure we needed.

"Now our family can have that closure and move forward and let my sister rest in peace."

CRIME STOPPERS

Police put focus on gangs

Braeden Jones
Metro | Winnipeg

The city has a gang problem.

Winnipeg Police Service (WPS) Insp. Max Waddell said it's not a growing problem, but "it's not minimizing either."

The WPS, Manitoba's Crime Prevention branch and Winnipeg Crime Stoppers launched a new anti-gang campaign this week. Part of their focus is on preventing youth recruitment.

"The WPS has a four-pillar approach for our gang strategy that includes suppression, prevention, intervention, and education," Waddell explained.

Police organizes outreach initiatives for families in which a child with siblings has a gang association.

"The WPS is doing everything they can to try and prevent recruitment," Waddell said, adding that parents and families have a role to play, too, in monitoring children's behaviour for warning signs.

Women-recruiting plan is floundering

ARMED FORCES

Report finds military has no strategy to meet 25% goal

Canada's military is moving women to the top of the recruiting line as part of its effort to bring more gender balance to its uniformed ranks.

The announcement came Tuesday after the auditor general concluded that the military's aspiration of having women make up 25 per cent of its personnel within the next decade appeared to be just that — a dream with no strategy to actually accomplish the goal.

Gen. Jonathan Vance, the chief of defence, announced earlier this year that the Canadian Armed Forces would boost the number of women in the ranks by one per cent a year until the goal of 25 per cent had been met.

But a report by the auditor general of Canada found that the military lacked a strategy to actually achieve that target.

"While some efforts were made to attract women, no special recruiting program was developed for that purpose," the report said.

General Jonathan Vancespeaks at National defence headquarters in Ottawa on Monday.
SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

But on Tuesday, the general in charge of military personnel said there was a strategy ready to recruit more women and improve recruiting overall.

"To increase the representation of women in the women applicants who meet the required entry standards will go to the head of the queue," Lt.-Gen. Christine Whitecross, commander of Military Personnel Command, said in a statement.

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ATTORNEY GENERAL REPORT

Some key findings:

- **The Canada Revenue Agency takes too long to respond to objections to its income tax decisions**
- Transport Canada has no way of assessing the potential security improvements resulting from a $133-million baggage screening technology initiative.
- The CRA also fails to adequately analyze or review decisions on objections and appeals.

Pilot 'will be forever missed'

A pilot killed when his CF-18 fighter jet crashed during a training exercise near the Alberta-Saskatchewan boundary is being remembered as a dedicated airman who served overseas and once helped escort Santa on a Christmas delivery mission.

Capt. Thomas McQueen, 29, from the Hamilton, Ont., area, had been with the military for a decade and was engaged to be married.

He was a member of 401 squadron at 4 Wing Cold Lake in northeastern Alberta.

"I can tell you first-hand how much of an incredible person he was and that he was dedicated to the service of Canada," Col. Paul Doyle, commanding officer of the base, told reporters Tuesday.

Doyle said he had been one of McQueen's instructors and had tremendous respect for the pilot. "His energy and dedication caused him to be recognized as the leader among his peers. He will be, and is, forever missed."

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Capt. Thomas McQueen
CANADIAN ARMED FORCES IMAGERY

POLITICS

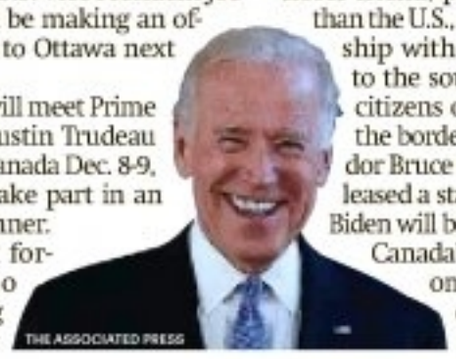
Biden time in Canada

Haley Ritchie
Metro | Ottawa

Outgoing U.S. Vice-President Joe Biden will be making an official visit to Ottawa next week.

Biden will meet Prime Minister Justin Trudeau while in Canada Dec. 8-9, and will take part in an official dinner.

"I look forward to meeting with Vice-President Biden and discussing the strength of our two countries' relationship," Trudeau said in a news release. "Canada has no closer friend, partner, and ally than the U.S., and our relationship with our neighbour to the south is critical to citizens on both sides of the border." U.S. ambassador Bruce Heyman also released a statement, noting Biden will be speaking "with Canada's First Ministers on a range of bilateral and global issues."



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IN BRIEF

Gay couples no longer have to adopt their own kids

Same-sex parents in Ontario and others who use assisted reproduction to conceive will no longer have to adopt their own children. The All Families Are Equal Act ensures that couples such as those who use a donor or a surrogate are legally recognized as parents, updating laws for the first time since 1978.

Under the old rules, same-sex parents often had to go to court to get that legal recognition.

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B.C. looks to sell China and India its softwood lumber

British Columbia's finance minister says the prospect of a reignited trade dispute with the United States over Canadian softwood lumber exports has the province looking for new customers in China and India.

Mike de Jong says the U.S. remains B.C.'s largest market for softwood lumber exports, but the province has been finding new lumber customers in China and India.

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University attacker applauded by Daesh

The Somali-born student who went on a car-and-knife rampage at Ohio State University railed on Facebook against U.S. interference in Muslim lands and warned, "If you want us Muslims to stop carrying lone wolf attacks, then make peace" with Daesh, a law enforcement official said Tuesday.

The posts from Abdul Razak Ali Artan's account came to light after Monday's violence, which left 11 people injured. "America! Stop interfering with other countries, especially the Muslim Ummah. We are not weak. We are not weak, remember that," he wrote, using the Arabic term for the world's Muslim community.

Abdul Razak Ali Artan THELANTERN.COM/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

He also warned that other Muslims are in sleeper cells, "waiting for a signal. I am warning you Oh America!"

Artan drove a car up onto a sidewalk and plowed into a group of pedestrians shortly before 10 a.m. He then got out and began stabbing people with a butcher knife before he was shot to death.

On Tuesday, a Daesh news agency called Artan "a soldier of the Islamic State" who "carried out the operation in response to calls to target citizens of international coalition countries."

Daesh has described other attackers around the world as its "soldiers" without specifically claiming to have orchestrated the violence.

Artan was born in Somalia and was a legal permanent U.S. resident, according to a U.S. official who was not authorized to discuss the case and spoke on condition of anonymity. A law-enforcement official said Artan came to the United States in 2014 as the child of a refugee. He had been living in Pakistan from 2007 to 2014. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Soccer world mourns loss of Brazilian team

COLOMBIA

Black boxes recovered as tragedy cuts fairy tale short

Colombian authorities searched for answers Tuesday into the crash of a chartered airliner that slammed into the Andes mountains while transporting a Brazilian soccer team whose Cinderella story had won it a spot in the finals of one of South America's most prestigious regional tournaments. All but six of the 77 people on board were killed.

The British Aerospace 146 short-haul plane declared an emergency and lost radar contact just before 10 p.m. Monday, according to Colombia's aviation agency. It said the plane's black boxes had been recovered and were being analyzed.

Whatever the cause of the crash, the emotional pain of Colombia's deadliest air tragedy in two decades was felt across the soccer world.

Expressions of grief poured in as South America's federation cancelled all scheduled matches in a show of solidarity, Real Madrid's squad interrupted its training for a minute of silence and Argentine legend Diego Maradona sent his condolences to the victims' families over Facebook.

Brazil's top teams offered to loan the small club players next season so they can rebuild following the sudden end to a fairy-tale season that saw Chapecoense reach the tournament final just two years after making it into the first division for the first time since the 1970s. "It is the minimum gesture of solidarity that is within our reach," the teams said in a statement.

Sportsmanship also prevailed, with Atletico Nacional asking that the championship title be given to its rival, whose upstart run had electrified soccer-crazed Brazil.

Rescuers working through the night were initially heartened after pulling three people alive from the wreckage. But as the hours passed, heavy fog and stormy weather grounded helicopters and slowed efforts to reach the crash site. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Fans of the Chapecoense soccer team mourn at the Arena in Chapeco, Brazil, on Tuesday. ANDRE PENNER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ITALY SEE YOU NEXT YEAR! Emma Morano blows out candles on her birthday cake in Verbania, Italy, on Tuesday. At 117 years of age, Morano is now the oldest person in the world and is believed to be the last surviving person who was born in the 1800s, born on Nov. 29, 1899. ANTONIO CALANNI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Thousands trapped or displaced in Aleppo

Renewed airstrikes killed at least 20 civilians as they fled government advances in Syria's besieged eastern part of Aleppo Tuesday, opposition groups reported as troops continued to target the enclave controlled by rebel groups. The United Nations said up to 16,000 people have already been displaced in recent days of fighting.

A senior military official in Damascus put the number of people fleeing the opposition-controlled area Tuesday alone at around 20,000, saying his government has put security measures in place to vet those leaving to ensure no fighters are among them and no violence takes place.

The UN estimates that 275,000 residents are trapped in the area that has been under tight siege and heavy bombardment since July. Many residents and rights groups have expressed fear of revenge or retaliation attacks during the dramatic government advances that have cleaved the territory held by opposition fighters since 2012. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Families flee Aleppo on Tuesday. GEORGE OURFALIAN/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

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JESSICA ALLEN ON THE PITFALLS OF REBOOTS

It's good to be back in Stars Hollow, the fictional town the original Gilmore Girls was set in, but it's not quite the same.

I headed straight to the grocery store on Friday after work to pick up provisions for devouring the new Gilmore Girls miniseries on Netflix. Judging from the congestion in the baked goods aisle — and the lack of Pop Tarts — others had the same idea.

And judging from social media chatter and online think-pieces, there's near consensus: the four-episode-long A Year In the Life is a little like cold pizza. It is good, because it's pizza. Sometimes cold pizza even tastes better than hot pizza. But it's still…cold pizza.

In other words, it's good to be back in Stars Hollow, the fictional town the original series was set in, but it's not quite the same.

Although the title characters, Lorelai and Rory Gilmore, are still wearing their circa-2003 getups: flared jeans and knee-high boots with jersey wrap dresses finished off with cropped jean jackets. And they still wildly gesticulate while holding empty extra-large takeout coffee cups.

But complaining, a sport conducted around water coolers on Monday morning, is half the fun: Why did the show's creator, Amy Sherman-Palladino, let her husband and collaborator Daniel include that musical interlude? That was 10 valuable minutes that could've been spent on a shirtless Jess (one of Rory's love interests, played by Milo Ventimiglia), or on Rory's best friend Paris Geller, whose meltdown in her old private school's washroom is the funniest in the miniseries, or explaining what happened to all those wedding cakes that Lorelai's sidekick and colleague Sookie made.

These are observations from a novice. My partner Simon and I started watching the original series, which aired from 2000 to 2007, just two years ago. He'd convinced me to give Nymphomaniac, the four-and-a-half-hour sex apocalypse by the premier poet of cinematic doom Lars von Trier, a go. He fell asleep 20 minutes in. When he woke I was 10 minutes into the pilot of Gilmore Girls. It was a long winter.

I'm actually envious of the die-hard fans, including many who have seen the entire series six or seven times. They tend to be young women who watched the show with their parents when it aired. Their repeat visits to Stars Hollow, where not much goes wrong, are steeped in nostalgia. (That went to journalism school because Rory Gilmore did. Another said that whenever she re-watches now, the cultural references that were famously packed into the original series resonate more deeply.

Complaining, a sport conducted around water coolers on Monday morning, is half the fun.

The reboot is swimming in such references. There's pop — think Kardashians, Game of Thrones and Goop — and high brow films like the Coen Brothers' Inside Llewyn Davis, David Lynch's Eraserhead, and Paul Mazursky's An Unmarried Woman, which Kelly Bishop, who plays Gilmore matriarch Emily, was actually in back in 1978.

Speaking of the Gilmore grandmother, she's given the best story arc, the best wardrobe and the best lines. After Richard, her husband of 50 years, suddenly dies, she realizes her big house, the country club and the Daughters of the Revolution are all nonsense.

"I can't spend any more time on artifice and bulls—," she says. When she moves to Nantucket and buys a house the previous owners named "Clam Shack," she says, "I guess Vagina House was taken."

Coincidentally, Rory Gilmore reads Moby Dick, partially set in Nantucket, in the show's original pilot. Emily ends up volunteering as a guide at the whaling museum there.

Self-referential full circles are hammered home elsewhere. The pilot ended with an ultimatum: Emily and Richard promise to pay for Rory's private high school, only if she and Lorelai agree to come once a week for dinner.

It ends with another: Emily will pay for the expansion of Lorelai's inn only if she and Luke promise to visit Nantucket for two weeks every summer and a week at Christmas.

Even the last four words in the reboot are, in a sense, a continuation of the cycle, although it certainly isn't the ending that most of us expected.

Part of me wishes the creators ended things by squeezing in one more pop culture reference — a tip of the hat to the ambiguous finale of the greatest television show ever created (the Sopranos). Have Rory and Lorelai meet at Luke's Diner. The misfits of Stars Hollow file in. And just as a Journey, or maybe a Steely Dan song plays, they cut to black.

THEN AND NOW **Rory and Lorelai are their coffee-wielding, fast-talking selves**, but the Gilmore Girls reboot on Netflix is missing some magic, Jessica Allen writes. ASSOCIATED PRESS/NETFLIX

Jessica Allen is the digital correspondent on CTV's The Social.

VICKY MOCHAMA

If the CBC goes ad-free, it shouldn't be to bail out the rest of the media

It's rather odd for the barons of the printed press to blame the CBC for their difficulties. Despite several years of devastating cuts and losses, five senior executives at Postmedia received a total of $2.3 million in retention bonuses.

For what they are being retained remains unclear. Yet they — and their equivalents at other major outlets — have the audacity to wander onto Parliament Hill begging for mercy.

Over the last few years, declining subscriptions, the Internet and lower advertising revenue have hit the nation's newspapers hard. They might soon only afford a small staff of interns to yell the news in your local town square.

The heads of the newspaper business have told Parliament's heritage committee that the CBC is to blame.

The CBC has made a number of changes, from running digital ads to launching an opinion section that has diversified the range of white people paid to have opinions.

Our public broadcaster behaved like a ruthless media company, which other media companies apparently did not realize was an option. These changes, they say, have hampered the ability of newspapers to sell advertising. It hasn't come up that the websites of many major newspapers look like a scanned pdf. And the existence of adblockers seems to have escaped their attention.

Up against this finger-pointing, the CBC has responded that they're only too happy to get out of the advertising game. For $418 million, they'll go ad-free like their BBC counterparts. Not only is it a clever bit of ransoming, it's an excellent response to every criticism levelled at them.

Think the CBC should get out of the opinion game? Cut a cheque for $20 million and no one there will ever use an "I feel" statement ever again.

Think the CBC's coverage of hockey and the Olympics is terrible? Drop $88 million at their Toronto headquarters. In no time, it'll be "Ron McLean? Who? Haven't heard that name in years."

Think the broadcaster shouldn't even be on the Internet? Put out the collection plate for $133 million, and soon we will have the world's most impressive publicly funded fax machine.

The numbers here are my guess, but I'm sure the CBC could offer up a more accurate price list. Hell, for a gold Starbucks card and two tickets to the musical Hamilton, they might get out of the news business altogether.

For an unwieldy bureaucracy, the CBC has managed to outfox the private companies. If their ad-free gamble works, they'll exit the diminishing returns of the advertising world with a solid financial base. And at a much lower $400K salary, CBC president Hubert Lacroix got his multimillionaire nemeses to make his argument for him.

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BAKING

Get set for the holidays with these recipes

Karon Liu
Torstar News Service

Chocolate Chip Cookie
Makes about 30 cookies.

This foolproof recipe is adapted from user-generated recipe database Allrecipes.com and has been rated nearly 8,000 times with a 4.5 out of 5-star rating. It has never failed for me. Fun fact: I brought these to a dinner party for British Times restaurant critic Giles Coren and he gave the cookies a thumbs up.

Cookie tip: The temperature of the butter greatly affects the overall look and texture of a cookie. When the butter is mixed at room temperature (it makes a dent when you poke it), it yields a cakey texture. When the butter is melted, it makes for a chewier and flatter cookie.

Ingredients:
- 2 cups (500 mL) unsalted butter, room temperature
- 2 cups (500 mL) granulated sugar
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) molasses
- 2 large eggs
- 2 tsp (10 mL) vanilla extract
- 1 tsp (5 mL) baking powder
- 2 tsp (10 mL) hot water
- 1/2 tsp (2 mL) salt
- 3 cups (750 mL) all-purpose flour
- 2 cups (500 mL) semi-sweet chocolate chips

Directions:
1. Prepare two baking sheets lined with parchment paper or silicone baking mats. Set aside.

2. In a stand mixer with paddle attachment or a large bowl with a mixer, cream butter, sugar and molasses together on medium speed until smooth and fluffy. Turn speed down to low. Add eggs and vanilla. Continue to mix on medium-high speed until well incorporated and fluffy in texture.

3. In a small bowl, dissolve baking powder in water. Add to bowl along with salt.

4. Slowly add flour and mix on low speed until just incorporated and there are no more streaks. Stir in chocolate chips. Do not over mix.

5. Scoop about 1 1/2 tablespoons of dough and roll into a ball. Place on lined baking sheets, leaving about 1-inch between cookies. Repeat with remaining dough. Use back of spatula or palm to slightly flatten cookies.

6. Bake at 350F (175 C) for 15 to 20 minutes until slightly browned on edges but still a bit soft.

7. Let cool for 5 minutes before transferring to wire rack to cool completely. Repeat with remaining dough.

8. Store in an airtight container for up to a week or freeze for up to a month.

Amaretti
Makes 36 cookies.

Amaretti is essentially a flourless Italian cookie, similar to a macaroon but made with almonds rather than coconut. It is crispy on the outside and soft and chewy inside and easy to make. No chilling, no rolling, no decorating. Just scoop dollops of almond paste on to the baking sheet.

This recipe is simplified from Allrecipes.com — I bought ground almonds rather than grinding the nuts.

Cookie tip: When baking with egg whites, stick to whole eggs rather than pre-separated stuff in the carton. Egg whites from actual eggs have a lower moisture content and will easily whip into meringue. Too much moisture and the batter will flatten out.

Ingredients:
- 2 cups (500 mL) ground almonds
- 1-1/2 cups (375 mL) granulated sugar
- 3 egg whites
- 1 tsp (5 mL) almond extract
- Icing sugar or unsweetened cocoa powder, for garnish

Directions:
1. Prepare two baking sheets lined with parchment paper or silicone baking mats.

2. In a bowl, mix ground almonds and sugar. Add egg whites and almond extract. Stir until a smooth, sticky dough forms.

3. Spoon heaping teaspoon-sized balls on to lined baking sheets, leaving about an inch between each ball. Bake at 300F (150C) for 20 to 30 minutes until cookies are golden brown and set.

4. Let cool for 5 minutes before transferring to a wire rack to completely cool. Lightly dust with icing sugar or cocoa powder for garnish.

5. Store in an airtight container for up to 2 days or freeze for up to a month.

Cake Mix Cookies
Makes about 24 cookies.

These cookies made from boxed cake mix (I used Betty Crocker's confetti cake mix) are perfect for people who don't cook.

Ingredients:
- 1 box confetti cake mix
- 2 large eggs
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) vegetable oil
- Sprinkles, for garnish

Directions:
1. Prepare two baking sheets lined with parchment paper or silicone baking mats. Set aside.

2. In a stand mixer with paddle attachment or a large mixing bowl with a mixer, combine cake mix, eggs and oil until well-incorporated.

3. Drop tablespoon-sized balls of mix onto lined baking sheet. Add sprinkles on top. Bake at 350F (175C) on middle rack for 10 to 15 minutes or until edges brown. For fluffier more cakelike cookies, bake on top rack until they rise and brown, about 5 to 8 minutes, then move to bottom rack to complete baking.

4. Remove from heat and let cool on tray for 10 minutes before transferring to a wire rack to cool completely.

5. Store in an airtight container for up to a week or freeze for up to a month.

These easy Italian cookies require just four ingredients and don't need any rolling or chilling. ALL PHOTOS: TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Use boxed cake mix to make these moist cookies.

JOHANNA SCHNELLER WHAT I'M WATCHING

A reflection of crime, slavery

THE SHOW: 13th (Netflix)
THE MOMENT: Closing credits

The closing credits of this documentary, directed by Ava DuVernay (Selma), are accompanied by regular, everyday snapshots: mothers holding babies, fathers horsing around with toddlers, smiling children at birthday parties. Three women pose next to a giant sequoia; an older lady beams at the Grand Canyon. What is extraordinary is their ordinariness, because every person in them is black.

This doc is a calm, well-reasoned wail of anguish.

This doc is a calm, well-reasoned wail of anguish. Its title refers to the 13th amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which abolished slavery but included the fateful phrase "except as punishment for a crime." DuVernay gives us a host of thinkers from Angela Davis to Newt Gingrich who make a strong case that a campaign of mistrust and abuse of African-Americans began immediately after abolition; that it persists in the criminal justice system; and that mass incarceration and programs such as Stop and Frisk have become socially acceptable substitutes for slavery and lynching.

The statistics are harrowing: in 1970, there were 358,000 Americans in prison; in 2014, 2.3 million — a disproportionate number of them black. The images are worse: chain gangs, hanged bodies, unarmed young men shot dead in the streets.

DuVernay's subjects contend that these images have power and must be shown. But she also knows they're hideously familiar. That's why the closing credit photos are such a brilliant stroke. In the U.S. circa now, the truly startling images are those of happy black people living ordinary lives.

Director Ava DuVernay gives us a host of thinkers who make a strong case that a campaign of mistrust and abuse of African-Americans began immediately after abolition. Political activist Van Jones is featured in the documentary. CONTRIBUTED

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.

ROLLING STONE

Evan Rachel Wood: 'I have been raped'

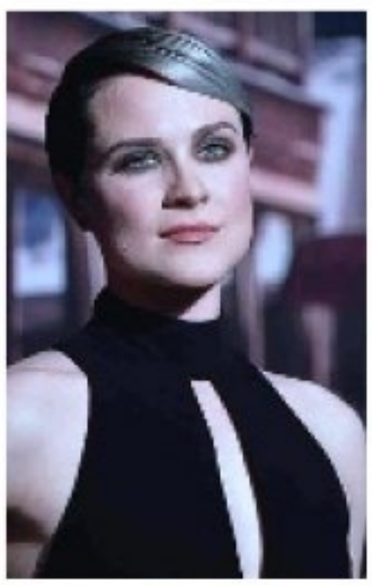
Evan Rachel Wood has revealed that she has been raped twice.

The revelation comes in a letter to Rolling Stone that Wood made public on Twitter on Monday. In the note, she writes, "Yes, I have been raped."

She says she was assaulted once "by a significant other" she was together with at the time, and by a bar owner during a separate incident. She says she initially questioned herself over both incidents, which she says took place "many many years ago."

The Westworld actress posted the letter after the incidents were mentioned in a Rolling Stone profile of her published earlier this month.

Wood says in the letter that she believes being raped "was one of the many factors" behind a suicide attempt when she was 22. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Evan Rachel Wood GETTY IMAGES

GOSSIP NEWS IN BRIEF

Dolly Parton heartbroken by wildfires in hometown- Country music icon Dolly Parton says she's heartbroken about wildfires that tore through the Tennessee county where she grew up but spared the Dollywood theme park that bears her name.

In a statement released Tuesday by her publicists, Parton said she's been watching the "terrible fires" in the Great Smoky Mountains. At least 14,000 people have been forced to evacuate the tourist area of Gatlinburg, Tennessee, and a dozen people have been injured in the wildfires.

"I am praying for all the families affected by the fire and the firefighters who are working so hard to keep everyone safe," she said.

In a video released just hours before the wildfires engulfed Gatlinburg and areas around Pigeon Forge, Parton urged people to prevent forest fires.

Parton appears with Smokey Bear in the 30-second video released Sunday by Great Smoky Mountains National Park. She tells people to avoid burning leaves and parking vehicles on dry grass, and warns that even a campfire can spark a wildfire.

Dollywood officials said the theme park itself wasn't damaged but more than a dozen cabins operated by the park were damaged or destroyed by the wildfires.

Parton is scheduled to appear on NBC's "The Voice" on Tuesday night, her representatives had previously announced.

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THIS WEEK: Ferrero Rocher vs. After Eight Thin Dark Chocolate Mints

Chocolates go hand in hand with the holiday season, but some will land you on the naughty list.

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Ferrero Rocher

Calories 230 (per 3 pieces)
Fat 16g
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HERE'S WHY

Equivalent to a medium Dairy Queen Hot Fudge Sundae in fat.

When ending a holiday meal, there's nothing that hits the spot more than a chocolate treat. Moderation is the key to indulging in everything you love. You can get your chocolate fix with less calories and fat by opting for the After Eight chocolate mints which are free from artificial colours, flavours and preservatives. Ferrero Rocher chocolates up the calorie and fat content with nuts, and also contain modified palm oil which increases the saturated fat.

CONTROVERSY

P.EI. police threaten to play Nickelback to drunk drivers

A Prince Edward Island police department is threatening to impose the Nickelback treatment on anyone who drinks and drives.

The Kensington Police Service shared a social media post over the weekend promising to force any drunk drivers it arrests to listen to the Alberta band while in the back seat of a cruiser.

"We figure if you are foolish enough to get behind the wheel after drinking, then a little Chad Kroeger and the boys is the perfect gift for you," Const. Robb Hartlen says on Facebook.

The post created two kinds of controversy among commenters: Those offended the police service was making a joke about drunk driving, and Nickelback fans annoyed the band was the butt of the joke.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

LIQUID ASSETS PETER ROCKWELL

Sip on holiday spirits while you decorate

If you haven't started decorating for Christmas by now, I'll bet every one of my Star Trek ornaments (which my family won't let me put on the tree) that this coming weekend you'll be getting your act together.

In my world something spirited to sip while you untangle strings of lights is a necessity. This year many distillers have mixed-and-mingled their familiar flavours with seasonal enhancements for trendy limited edition versions of themselves.

Jack Daniel's Winter Jack ($19.99-$23.99) is a combination of apple cider liqueur with JD's Old No. 7 Tennessee whiskey. Drinking like a spicy punch, its flavours really kick into gear once you warm up a glass in the microwave.

Kahlúa's Peppermint Mocha (375ml, $15.99-$16.95) blends the classic Mexican coffee liqueur with a shot of cool mint, while Smirnoff's Peppermint Twist ($22.99-$27.49) takes liquid candy cane to the next level. Exhilarating drunk over ice, it makes a great base for a refreshing ho-ho-holiday martini.

Prices reflect the range across the country. Some products may not be available in all provinces.

BUSINESS

Coca-cola adapts to growing thirst for unique drinks

Coca-Cola has been the No. 1 beverage maker in Japan for half a century, but it's not thanks to the popularity of Coke. Instead, the American soft-drink brand has adapted to the quirky ways this society quenches its thirst.

Coca-Cola's nearly 1 million vending machines account for about half of all the vending machines in Japan.

Many of them do stock Coke and Coke Zero. But most of the beverages sold by those state-of-the art machines have nothing to do with the company's namesake soda.

Among the bigger favourites are Georgia brand canned coffee, orange-flavoured water and of course, green tea, the traditional drink of choice.

Japan is The Coca-Cola Co.'s second-biggest market after the U.S., raking in more than 1 trillion yen ($10 billion) in annual sales. But consumers here aren't crazy about bubbly drinks like Fanta and Sprite, other perennial U.S. favourites.

Instead, the notoriously fad-loving Japanese flit from one trend to another across an array of weird product offerings, such as soda drinks with odd flavours like smelly durian fruit or garlicky kimchee that mostly are attention-getting products intended for fun.

Though its product offerings don't go quite that far, Coca-Cola has 850 different beverages in Japan alone, not counting discontinued brands. Among the most popular is Qoo, a water-drop-shaped forest creature designed to appeal to Japan's cult of the cute.

"It is so difficult to survive," Takashi Wasa, senior vice-president at Coca-Cola Japan, told The Associated Press at the company's Tokyo headquarters.

The odds of having a hit are "Maybe just three out of a thousand," he said.

Among 20 Coca-Cola global brands that bring in $1 billion or more in annual sales, four came from Japan: the Georgia coffee lineup; Aquarius, a Gatorade-like drink; I Lohas bottled water and Ayataka green tea. Other global top-sellers are Coke drinks or were added through acquisitions, such as Minute Maid and Matte Leao.

Matte Leao, an herbal tea extremely popular in Brazil, is an example of adapting to local tastes.

But the company's Japan operations take that to an extreme, said Raymond Shelton, senior executive officer for Coca-Cola East Japan. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Shaking off the third fiddle role

REVIEW

Latest A4 looks to climb the luxury sedan ladder

Jonathan Yarkony
AutoGuide.com

While the automotive marketplace moves frantically toward crossovers of every size, shape and sporting intent, the sedan is not yet forgotten or ignored, especially in the luxury bracket.

For generations, the Audi A4 has played third fiddle to the BMW 3 Series and Mercedes C-Class, but the new 2017 A4 has a chance to change all that. We wanted to take an in-depth look beneath the barely changed skin to see if it has the goods to satisfy the growing legion of Audi faithful and capture the minds and hearts of other luxury shoppers.

We booked it for a long-term test that will span the fall and winter so that we could see Quattro all-wheel drive in its element, test it against some key competitors, and put it through the rigors of life to see how it fares when the initial shine wears off.

But first, let's cover the basics. For 2017, Audi completely redesigned the A4, though you'd be hard-pressed to tell at first glance, as it merely nipped and tucked the body, with only a few subtle tweaks like headlights, taillights and the grille that really stand out from the previous generation. While the looks are barely altered, they do yield a very impressive 0.27 coefficient of drag, aiding efficiency and reducing wind noise as the air slips over the body.

If you think the powertrain is just the same old 2.0T Quattro, well, it basically is, but with incremental changes that make a world of difference. With a configuration that was ahead of its time by a couple decades in this segment, Audi has had a huge head start developing and refining turbocharged four-cylinder powerplants.

This latest iteration doesn't necessarily blow the competition away with its power, but it's as smooth and slick as any four-cylinder turbo we can think of, as is the seven-speed dual clutch automatic. It's good enough to get to go from 0 to 100 km/h in six seconds flat, but it's the 273 lb-ft of torque available from 1,600 to 4,500 rpm that make it satisfying and rewarding in every situation.

Manual transmission fans will be pleased to know that you can choose to row your own in any A4 trim as a no-cost option. However, most owners will likely stick with the 'S tronic' dual clutch auto, which is how our test vehicle is equipped.

Those that are seeking greater efficiency in an A4 have a front-wheel drive option. The top efficiency option is the Ultra powertrain, a lighter tune of the new 2.0T making 190 hp and 236 lb-ft, which promises a thrifty 6.4 L/100 km highway, 8.7 in the city and 7.6 combined, respectively. This is also the most economical model in the lineup, starting at $38,500 in Canada for the Komfort trim or $42,300 for the Progressiv trim.

THE CHECKLIST | 2017 AUDI A4

THE BASICS

Engine: 2.0-litre four-cylinder turbo
Power: 258 hp; 273 lb-ft of torque
Transmission: Seven-speed dual-clutch automated manual
Curb Weight: 1,645 kg
Fuel Economy (L/100 km): 9.8 city, 7.6 hwy, 8.6 combined
Price: Starts at $38,500

LOVE IT

- Headlights, taillights and grille stand out from the previous generation
- Android Auto/Apple CarPlay and a pair of USB ports to which you can easily connect your phone rather than Audi's proprietary plugs of generations past.
- Adaptive cruise control is top notch

LEAVE IT

- Doesn't blow the competition away with power (but still smooth and slick)

HALO CARS

Tech from the BMW i8 is trickling down to regular cars

Sami Haj-Assaad
AutoGuide.com

When it hit the market, the BMW i8 was lauded for its awesome looks and futuristic technology. A few years later, the i8's advanced powertrains and unique production methods have trickled down to regular cars in the BMW Group lineup.

That pattern describes exactly what a halo car should be: a car that sits on top of an automaker's lineup that shines a positive light on all other cars in the family. A halo car represents the very best of what is offered from a brand. It should excite potential customers and give them a peek into what the future holds, with the thought that the things that make the halo car so special will end up in regular cars.

The i8's halo effect started in the 7 Series, where BMW applied the lessons it learned in making the i8's (and i3's) carbon fiber passenger cell to the large luxury sedan. At the time of its introduction, the latest generation 7 Series sported more carbon fiber than in any mass-produced car to date. The creation of the i8 also contributed to the development of carbon fiber parts on M2, M3 and M4.

The i8's trickle-down effect is continuing with the hybrid propulsion in three cars: the 330e, the 740e xDrive, and the X5 xDrive40e. All models use a hybrid powertrain comprised of a turbocharged four-cylinder and an electric motor.

Speaking with Jose Guerrero, Product Manager for BMW i and BMW M, he explained that the main focus for BMW is to not let the new hybrid vehicles feel like something boring to drive.

To do that, they looked to the exhilarating BMW i8, a car that is commonly described as a blast to drive, despite its relatively low power numbers (357 hp). The fun-to-drive nature comes through an e-Boost feature that uses the electric motors to provide extra acceleration.

At the same time, the BMW hybrids cars are extremely fuel friendly and can be plugged in — they have an all-electric range of 23 kilometres on a single charge.

Carbon-fibre parts and hybrid powertrains are some of the gifts the i8 is lending to other models. COURTESY BMW

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"Win a major and you're done. But if you win a major, you're going to want to come back": Tiger Woods ponders the best way to end a golf career

Jets win duel with Devils

NHL

Laine's 13th holds up as winner against New Jersey

Mark Scheifele and Patrik Laine each scored their 13th goals of the season as the Winnipeg Jets defeated the New Jersey Devils 3-2 on Tuesday.

Blake Wheeler had the other Jets goal while Scheifele also added an assist.

Rookie Miles Wood, with his first NHL goal, and Nick Lappin supplied the offence for New Jersey.

Jets goalie Connor Hellebuyck made 23 saves in his fifth straight start for Winnipeg (11-12-2).

Cory Schneider stopped 26 shots for the Devils (10-7-5), who had come into the game with points in their previous three games (1-0-2).

Winnipeg has won five straight at home and finishes up a three-game homestand Thursday against Edmonton.

New Jersey outshot Winnipeg 7-6 in the scoreless first period, which featured shots from both teams that rang off the post and others fired just wide of the net.

Jets forward Marko Dano left the game in the first period and didn't return after taking a stick in the face from Devils Kyle Quincey.

Winnipeg had a two-man advantage for 1:41 early in the second period and put two shots at Schneider. A couple others clanged off the post.

The Jets made up for it with a pair of goals 2:01 apart, with Scheifele scoring at 11:20 and Wheeler scoring his by beating Schneider off a rebound at 13:21.

Wood had a penalty shot after being taken down by Dustin Byfuglien on the way to the net, but he whiffed on his opportunity.

Winnipeg was up 22-14 in shots on goal after the second period.

Wood made up for his botched attempt with a shot fired through Hellebuyck's pads at 2:52 of the third.

Laine halted a six-game goal drought with a wrist shot that went high past Schneider to make it 3-1 at 4:47.

Lappin closed the gap to one goal three minutes later off a rebound.

The Devils had a power play with 8:09 left in the third, but couldn't capitalize. Schneider was pulled with 1:45 remaining.

Jets centre Bryan Little returned to the lineup after missing 23 games with a lower-body injury he suffered a few shifts into the team's season-opener on Oct. 13. He also missed the final 25 games of last season because of a fractured vertebrae.

New Jersey travels to Chicago for the third game of its four-game road trip on Thursday.

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Captain Blake Wheeler notches the Jets' second goal of Tuesday night's win over New Jersey. JOHN WOODS/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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CURLING

Carey and Co. eyeing Olympics

Chelsea Carey and her Calgary-based team had several hurdles to clear last season en route to a national curling title.

It took some time for Carey and her new teammates to adjust to the lineup change after previous skip Heather Nedohin stepped away. Funding and support was lost, a rankings drop followed, and the team was forced to post key victories in order to qualify for top events.

Chelsea Carey THE CANADIAN PRESS

"I think we overcame a lot of things last year to get to where we got to," Carey said. "That's an empowering feeling and certainly brings you together as a team."

Carey skipped Alberta to a 7-6 win over Northern Ontario's Krista McCarville in the final at the Scotties Tournament of Hearts in Grande Prairie, Alta. Now Team Carey is hoping to build on that solid season with an eye on next year's Olympic Trials.

Carey and teammates Amy Nixon, Jocelyn Peterman and Laine Peters can lock up a berth at the Tim Hortons Roar of the Rings with a victory at this week's Canada Cup in Brandon, Man. The seven-team women's field also includes Olympic champion Jennifer Jones of Winnipeg, Ottawa's Rachel Homan, Winnipeg's Kerri Einarson, Edmonton's Val Sweeting, Tracy Fleury of Sudbury, Ont., and Edmonton's Kelsey Rocque. THE CANADIAN PRESS

NFL

RG3 relieved after getting the all-clear

Robert Griffin III has been cleared by doctors to play again this season. RG3 still needs Browns coach Hue Jackson's blessing.

Griffin passed a final medical test on his injured left shoulder and can now take full contact, paving the way for the quarterback to play on Dec. 11 when the winless Browns return from a bye week against Cincinnati. Griffin hasn't played since the season opener — his debut for Cleveland — when he broke a bone in his shoulder while scrambling in the fourth quarter of a loss to the Philadelphia Eagles. "I promise my teammates and coaches to give them everything," Griffin said Tuesday.

> **Beyond blessed to have a chance to get back on the field.**
> Robert Griffin III

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IN BRIEF

Investigation into sexual abuse in British soccer

British police investigating sexual abuse in soccer have received calls from 250 people, the government announced Tuesday, as FIFA said the scandal could lead to offences by youth coaches being exposed worldwide.

Chelsea also opened an investigation into an employee from the 1970s who is now dead, while the English Football Association acknowledged it was braced for compensation claims.

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Brewers sign first baseman Thames to 3-year $16M deal

Free agent Eric Thames agreed Tuesday to a $16 million, three-year contract with the Milwaukee Brewers, who cut first baseman Chris Carter after a 41-homer season that tied for the National League lead.

A 30-year-old first baseman and outfielder who spent the last three seasons with the NC Dinos in South Korea. Milwaukee has a $7.5 million option for 2020 with a $1 million buyout.

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SOCCER

Canadians on MAC Hermann shortlist

Canadian internationals Kadeisha Buchanan and Ashley Lawrence are among the 15 semi-finalists for the 2016 MAC Hermann Trophy.

University of Vermont forward Brian Wright of Ajax, Ont., is one of 15 men's semi-finalists. The awards, voted on by NCAA Division I soccer coaches, go to the top men's and women's players in NCAA soccer. Three men's and three women's finalists will be named Dec. 14. The winners will be announced Jan. 6 at the Missouri Athletic Club in St. Louis. Buchanan, a centre back from Brampton, Ont., was a finalist for the 2015 award. Lawrence, a fullback-midfielder also from Brampton, was a semifinalist last year.

Both players have helped West Virginia to the College Cup, which opens Friday in San Jose. Wright has 14 goals and 12 assists in 22 games for Vermont this season.

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MAKE IT TONIGHT

Easy One-Pot Chicken Cacciatore

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For Metro Canada

Is there anything that brings mouths to the kitchen quicker than the smell of a stew?

Ready in 30 minutes
Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 20 minutes
Serves 4

Ingredients
- 1 Tbsp olive oil
- 4 boneless, skinless chicken thighs
- Salt and pepper
- 1 lb mushrooms, cleaned, trimmed and sliced
- 3 cloves of garlic, minced
- 1 Tbsp rosemary, minced
- 1 x 19 oz canned whole tomatoes
- 1 x 15 oz canned cannellini beans, rinsed and drained
- Salt and pepper to taste

Directions

1. Pour oil into a large Dutch oven or pot over medium heat. Slice the chicken thighs into about four pieces each and season them with a good pinch of salt and pepper. Working in batches, brown the meat. Don't worry about cooking it through. When the meat is brown, set it aside on a clean plate, drain off all but 2 Tbsp of fat.

2. Reduce heat slightly and toss in mushrooms. Once they've cooked down, about three minutes, add the garlic and rosemary and sauté for another minute.

3. Now add your tomatoes and beans. Use the back of a wooden spoon to break up the tomatoes. Add the cooked chicken pieces and allow everything to simmer for about 15 or 20 minutes. Taste to check seasoning and add salt and pepper to taste.

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CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

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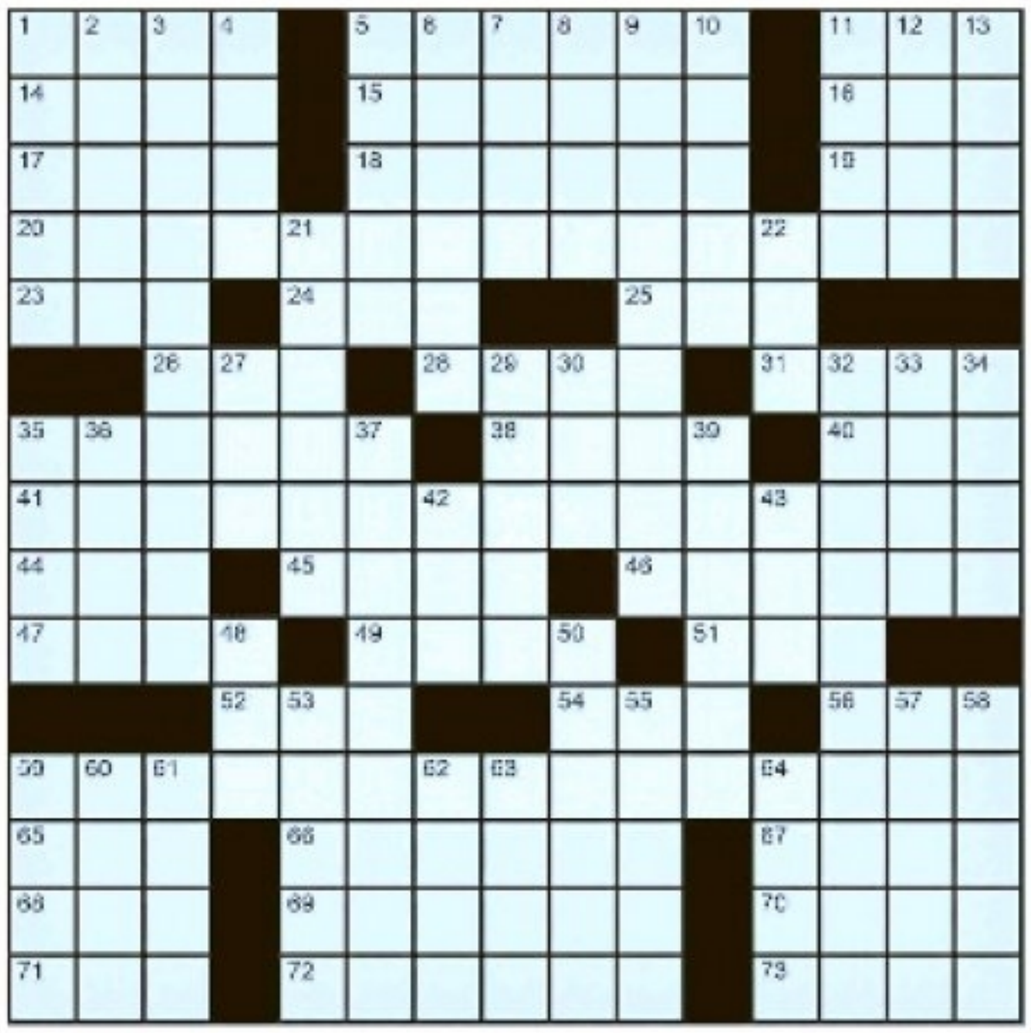

ACROSS
1. "__ the Knife"
5. Fiercely criticize
11. Bashful
14. Get __ deal
15. The Grand __
16. The Raven's writer
17. Village People hit
18. __ long pause (When the sentence was continued, perhaps)
19. Gremlin
20. Where crews work in theatre: 3 wds.
23. Wide shoe width
24. That, in Tijuana
25. Flight-leaving info
26. Cornfield call
28. Virtually, in verse
31. Swindle
35. Sister of Moses
38. Vardalos and Peeples
40. Sherbrooke 'street'
41. As a home outfitted with upgrades to keep heat in and drafts out: 2 wds.
44. Mailing request [acronym]
45. Existence
46. Go around
47. Cross of ancient Egypt
49. Contract condition
51. No longer working [abbr.]
52. Whiz
54. 'Hect' ender
56. 'Lobby' suffix
59. St. Lawrence... How Jacques Cartier spent his early time in the New World: 3 wds.
65. UK honour [acronym]
66. Denzel Washington football movie, "Remember the __" (2000)
67. Dame __ Te Kanawa (New Zealand opera star)
68. Rocky hill
69. Form a group to tackle a project: 2 wds.
70. "Let __ __" by Luba
71. Prefix to 'Clean' (Infomercial product)
72. Take to be true
73. Nice 'n Easy products

DOWN
1. "We'll see."
2. Military force, in French
3. Situated in British Columbia's Gold Country, this tourist village is northwest of Kamloops: 2 wds.
4. "The Bridge on the River __" (1957)
5. Bunches
6. 1970s-style tunic
7. Li'l literary collection
8. Chinook salmon
9. Mane's material: 2 wds.
10. Legislate
11. Whirl
12. Dwelling
13. Uh-huhs
21. Yanni's music: 2 wds.
22. Mr. Asner's
27. Ventilate
29. Deduce
30. Image file type
32. Michelangelo's gift
33. Jane, to Bridget Fonda
34. Apportion
35. Geological flattop
36. __ __ instant
37. CBC's "Murdoch __"
39. Sporty points-getter
42. Compass point
43. 'Favour' finisher
48. Mr. Holbrook
50. "__, P.I."
53. Terra __
55. Rudolf Erich __ (18th-century writer of Baron Munchausen tales)
57. The Red __ (RCMP dress uniform)
58. Three-membered groups
59. 'External'-meaning prefix
60. Gaming console name
61. Roz's portrayer on "Frasier"
62. "Take __ __ a blessing."
63. "__, the Killer Whale" (1966)
64. "__ __ you not!" (Seriously!)

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
Be careful about endorsing political and religious ideas today, because you might be confused. Perhaps someone who is talking too fast is trying to confuse you? It could be anything.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
This is a poor day for important discussions about inheritances or how to divide or share something. You will find it difficult to stand up for your rights. Postpone this discussion.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Relations with partners and close friends are bit fuzzy today. People are not sure who is responsible for what, or where their exact boundaries are.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
You might feel tired at work today. This is why you should not take on more than you can handle. Don't push yourself. Be reasonable

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Romance might be disappointing today, probably because you had unrealistic expectations. Perhaps you misunderstood what was really going on. Parents should be vigilant about their kids.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
During a family discussion today, you will have a tough time standing up for your rights because you feel like a second-class citizen. Don't worry — you are not second-class. This is just the feeling you have today.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Discussions are confusing today. In addition to this, you might spend a lot of time daydreaming. Oh well.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
This is a poor day for making important decisions regarding finances and cash flow, because you are a bit confused. Assume nothing. Postpone important decisions that affect your assets..

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You feel sympathetic to others today. However, you also feel a bit helpless about your ability to help someone. It's frustrating.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Your concern for those who are less fortunate than you is genuine today. Nevertheless, you are not sure what to do. It happens.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Someone in a group situation (or possibly a friend) might sweet-talk you into something you don't really believe. If you think something fishy is going on, it is!

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Confusion with bosses and parents is likely today. Be clear in all your communication so as to avoid misunderstandings. Clarify instructions if someone asks you to do something. Assume nothing.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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